

BOYS' CLUB RANKS THINNED BY GRIP

Teams Press Half-Million Campaign for Boot-blacks and Newsies.

GET TENTH OF FUND IN TENTH OF TIME

Ruth St. Denis and Her Dancers Give Benefit for Cause Next Sunday Night.

The grip epidemic has thrust its "most unkind cut" at the new boys and bootblacks of New York City. The campaign committee that started on Monday noon to raise \$500,000 in ten days for the Boys' Club Association has been robbed by the grip of its most enthusiastic private rustlers.

Though the newboys may have been a bit discouraged upon seeing that their thermometer raised only \$6,812 during yesterday's springlike day, there was not a sign of discouragement among the men, who gathered again yesterday noon at 57 Chambers Street to luncheon from pine boards while cheering the reports of the team captains. Dean Emery, who has been through many similar campaigns, told the men in a short address that his experience has always been that the campaign gathers size and momentum like a snowball. "No man should get discouraged at the start," he said, "for the public must be educated before it gives."

E. N. Potter, of the banking firm of Potter, Cheate & Prentiss, said that he had practically demonstrated the permanent good done by boys' clubs. "I have had in my offices for many years," he said, "from thirty to forty boys from the club of Avenue A, and in all those years only one or two have fallen down. I know able and good men in New York's business life to-day who were once just ragmuffins in the old Avenue A clubhouse."

The presence of Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn, and the attractive California girl dancers at a dance to be held to-night at the clubhouse, will give a boost to the boys' club cause. The dance is to be held at the clubhouse, which is at 57 Chambers Street, next Sunday night. Contributions up to noon yesterday were:

NURSING FUND GETS \$300,000

Miss Wald in Plea for \$1,000,000 Tells of Aid Given to Sick Poor.

Miss Lillian D. Wald, head worker at the Henry Street Settlement, announced yesterday that \$300,000 had been pledged toward the \$1,000,000 endowment fund of the general visiting nursing service for Manhattan and the Bronx. She made the report at a reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Schiff, 905 Fifth Avenue.

Miss Wald, in asking for additional funds, dwelt on the expansion of the work of the nursing service organization and the communal value of the care of the sick in their homes. She said that 90 per cent of the city's sick were ill at home and did not go to hospitals. Last year the nurses of the organization made over 26,000 visits.

"Twenty-five additional nurses will be needed this winter," said Miss Wald. "The pressure is enormous."

Several offers to support additional nurses were made.

BOYS CAPTURE \$18,812 IN FULL DAY'S DRIVE

The Boys' Club Association has a membership of 5,000, a summer camp for 2,500 and a crowded clubhouse at Avenue A and Tenth Street.

It wants an addition to the Avenue A building and a new clubhouse in the most needy district of the city. Its campaign for \$500,000 by January 21 had netted up to yesterday noon \$18,812. Contributions can be sent to E. N. Potter, treasurer, 55 Wall Street.

SALARIES OF C. S. C. UNDER NEW ATTACK

Bill to Reduce Them Introduced in Assembly—Al Smith Sees Trouble Ahead.

Albany, Jan. 11.—A bill to reduce the salaries of the members of the State Civil Service Commission, making that of the president \$24,000 instead of \$25,000 and those of the other members \$23,000 instead of \$24,000, was introduced in the Assembly to-day by Minority Leader Callahan. The bill is similar to the Horton measure, passed by the Legislature last year and vetoed by Governor Whitman.

The Horton bill was introduced at the request of Governor Whitman at a time when the members of the Civil Service Commission were Democrats. Later they resigned and Republicans were named in their places. When the Executive vetoed the bill he said that the Legislature last year and vetoed by Governor Whitman.

The bill of Assemblyman Callahan, who succeeded to the office of the Civil Service Commission, was introduced in the Assembly, might be regarded as a sort of reprisal.

Within a week, it is expected, Sheriff Smith is going to be in controversy with the Civil Service Commission over some of the jobs in his office. In the administration of Sheriff Griffith, who closed two certain clerical jobs in the Sheriff's office, always considered a part of the political spoils of the office, were civil service jobs and that in case of any vacancies they must be filled from the eligible list. The Sheriff's contention was upheld in the Supreme Court in the case of a new jury clerk who had been appointed by the Sheriff.

WOMAN ENGINEERS BAR BLAMES HOOP SKIRTS

They're Still Popular with Opponents, Says Blatch Lawyer.

Miss Nora Stanton Blatch, formerly Mrs. Lewis D. Forster, and daughter of Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, applied to the Supreme Court yesterday to compel the American Society of Civil Engineers to accept her as an associate member.

Miss Blatch was the first woman to receive the degree of civil engineer from Cornell University. Having been a junior member of the society, she felt that she should be accepted as an associate. Her qualifications are of the required standard, and she has met, she says, the other requirements that an associate must have fulfilled by his thirty-second year.

Most of the members favor the application of Miss Blatch. Those who do not are "three or four" who respect the old gentlemen, according to Miss Blatch's lawyer, who think women should still wear hoop skirts and that the path of progress should be blocked to them because they are women.

In behalf of the society it was explained that Miss Blatch was treated just as she would have been had she been a man. The rules require that an engineer must have six years' practical experience before being admitted as an associate. The court reserved decision.

Miss Blatch is now an assistant engineer with the Public Service Commission and has designed steel and iron work for several New York buildings.

GRASTY JOINS 'THE TIMES'

Takes Place Left Vacant by C. W. Knapp's Death.

As successor to the late Charles W. Knapp, treasurer of 'The New York Times,' Charles H. Grasty, for ten years a director of The Associated Press, will assume his duties on January 15. Announcement was made yesterday by Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of 'The Times.'

What is planned to be the most comprehensive investigation of an industrial dispute ever made by a grand jury in this section of the country at least, begins to-morrow morning, when County Prosecutor Andrew M. Henderson will call before the Mahoning County inquest the first of the witnesses to last week's rioting.

The programme as outlined by Mr. Henderson this afternoon after a conference with Henry S. Ballard, the grand hunter of the Attorney General's office, will deal not only with the rioting and other disorders, but with conditions generally in the local steel plants, the extent, if any, to which the foreigners there employed are grafted upon by officials, wages paid, living conditions and recent transactions in the stock of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company.

To Investigate Shootings. Particular importance will attach to the manner in which the company secured the guards who did the shooting on Friday, their antecedents and to the identity of the mysterious strangers who, all sides agree, acted as accelerators of trouble.

In this inquiry Henderson and Ballard have the assistance of the agents of the Department of Justice and the Treasury Department, who for the moment have abandoned the examination of prisoners with an idea to securing orders for their deportation to get at the full circumstances surrounding the outbreak.

It was the intention of Mr. Henderson to begin taking testimony this afternoon, but at the request of Fredrick E. Ochs, of the State Labor Bureau, he excused Thomas F. Flynn and John J. Grady, local labor leaders, who were to have been the first called. Ochs asked this if they have a chance to settle the wage dispute.

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WAGE INCREASE ENDS OHIO STRIKE

State Mediator Announces Agreement with Youngstown Workers.

ROCKEFELLER DENIES INTEREST IN MERGER

Militia To Be Recalled To-day—District Attorney Begins Rigorous Investigation.

Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 11.—Fred C. Croxton, of Columbus, Ohio, mediator sent here to adjust the wage disputes in this district, announced to-night that the strike of tube workers at the plant of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company had been declared off. The men, at a mass meeting, to-night voted to accept the company's offer of an increase in wages amounting approximately to 10 per cent. The men voted to return to work to-morrow.

The plant employs 9,500 men, not all of whom, however, have been on strike, although they were compelled to quit work.

Mediator Croxton is endeavoring to settle the strike at the plant of the public Iron and Steel Company, and conferences of representatives of the company and the strikers will be resumed to-morrow.

Announcement was made at the headquarters of Brigadier General John C. Speaks, in command of the two regiments of Ohio National Guard now here, that as a result of the change in the situation, an order for the withdrawal of militia would probably be issued to-morrow.

Rockefeller Denies Interest. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in a telegram received here late to-day, denied charges made by Thomas H. Flynn, general organizer for the American Federation of Labor, that the Rockefeller interests were in any way interested in the proposed merger of big independent steel interests or were indirectly responsible for the rioting in East Youngstown last Friday.

Mr. Flynn, in his statement, which was issued here last night, charged that the riot was part of a scheme to depress the value of stock of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, so that control could be obtained and a merger effected with several other companies in which the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company was to be included.

When the telegram was received, Mr. Flynn at once replied that he would, if Mr. Rockefeller desired, submit to him the source of his information.

D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s, message was as follows:

"Several New York newspapers this morning print telegrams from Youngstown, Ohio, containing a statement purporting to have been issued by you, in which you assert that the recent disturbances in Youngstown were due to 'a financial scheme rigged up as a last resort to depress the value of the stock' of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, and that you are trying to form a great half-billion dollar merger, could get the control they wanted. Your statement also declared that the proposed merger was to include the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, and you added, 'Colorado Fuel and Iron means John D. Rockefeller. There was thus in your statement a scarcely veiled implication that the unfortunate situation in Youngstown in some manner grew out of transactions in which the interests of my father were involved."

"Not Connected with Merger. 'I desire to assure you in the most unequivocal manner that neither my father nor I have any interest whatever in the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, or in any merger to which it might become a party; also that we have had no participation in, or knowledge of, any negotiations or transactions looking toward a merger of any company with the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company."

"In fact, every implication in your statement, in so far as it concerns my father, myself, or any company in which we are interested, or any transactions or negotiations of which we have knowledge, is wholly without foundation."

"I am sure that, knowing the above, you will be glad to correct in these respects the statement you made yesterday."

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PROF. PRESTON'S SISTER WEDS

Surprises Family by Marriage After Two Weeks of Courtship.

Hot Springs, Va., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Florence Preston Jones, of South Orange, sister of Professor Thomas Jex Preston, of Princeton, who married here to-day to Charles MacLaren Bragg, a telephone operator in the local offices of Logan & Bryan, brokers, of New York. The wedding was a surprise to the winter colony. It was also a surprise to the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jex Preston, of South Orange, who came here with their daughter a fortnight ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Bragg have known each other scarcely two weeks. They will be joined in the last of the week by Professor and Mrs. Thomas Jex Preston, of Princeton, who will stop for a few days on their way to Key West.

HE MATES 40,000, BUT DIES UNWED

Fritz Podszus, Alias Cupid. Quits Life While on Duty as Love Pilot.

The next issue of "The New York Matrimonial News and Berliner Helbra-Zettung"—if there ever is to be a next issue—will set off the golden promises of its front page "want ads" with a border of deep black.

Fritz Podszus, alias "Cupid," editor in chief of "The News" and director of more than 20,000 personally conducted trips to the altar, has passed into the bourne in which a different sort of marriages than those that made him rich are said to be made.

After all the hearty fires he had kindled for others, "Cupid" Podszus—such is the mockery of fate—died a bachelor. Heart disease carried him off as he was in the very act of compiling for publication a new list of matrimonial eligibles.

With his last job half finished, his lifeless body was found yesterday in his combination sanctum-bedroom at 289 West End Avenue. He had been dead for hours, a doctor said. A pen was still clutched in his hand.

Podszus was almost sixty, but his history is a blank until eight years ago, when he started his "Matrimonial News."

Millionaire bachelors, tired of Wall Street, were lured in the invaluable heart and pocketbook medium, "The News," among its waiting, card-indexed eligibles. United States Senators, rising young lawyers, wealthy master plumbers, widows of charm and widows of substance, debutantes, million-dollar spinsters, actresses a-weary of the footlights and matinee idols ready to trade a thousand mad notes for one true heart rabbed, typographical elbows in "The News" "want."

It was a percentage arrangement with his clients that finally got Podszus into trouble. The trouble arose over the disappointment of a certain Henry G. Bannister, a cashier. Bannister had bargained for a bride, who, taken "sight unseen," proved neither so rich nor so beautiful as described. Podszus, nevertheless, tried to collect \$250 in damages from him.

Podszus, in a letter, published in "The Matrimonial News" was suspended for three months thereafter, while its editor rested and fretted on Blackwell's Island.

Spelled in their cells, Mrs. Mohr in her home.

With deputy sheriffs before them and deputy sheriffs behind them, the jurors issued from the courtroom this morning and entrained from West Barrington. Into the minds of all the jurors, the words spoken yesterday by Judge Stearns against colds and the proper precautions against them had bitten deep.

"Be sure and bring rubbers," his honor had warned, and all of them did. The glistering display of handkerchiefs, overalls and articles that had blossomed at the court's decree was imposing and must have brought joy to the judicial heart.

Accompanying them were Arthur C. Cullen and John J. Fitzgerald for Mrs. Mohr, Attorney General Herbert A. Rice, Judge Stearns, William H. Lewis and John B. Edwards for the negroes, and scores of newspapers.

Car Drawn Up Beside Road. When the court arrived at the spot where the automobile had stopped so that the physician and his companion might be got from ambush, the same gray four-passenger machine was again drawn up at the side of the road, in approximately the position that it had stood that night.

The padding of the top of the front seat was ripped by one of the murderers' bullets. Gently brown stains clung to the left side of the tonneau and left rear mudguard. The cushion of the rear seat and the floor were also caked with blood.

Fifty yards beyond the lake drive branched away to the left toward Noyatt. Attorney General Rice led the way along this road, pointing out the spot in the fence where it is alleged the negroes cut the barbed wire to facilitate their escape in the spot where it was claimed a motorcycle was hidden.

The machine was again concealed, a powerful bicyclist, Henderson said, partly only slightly used. Beyond this, the spot on the lake shore where two fishermen saw "two dark complexioned men" pass after the shooting, pushing a motorcycle, was also visited. Court did not reconvene until three this afternoon. The major part of the time then remaining was taken up by the opening address of the prosecution.

Following this, Mr. Clifford H. Griffith, Medical Examiner of Providence, was called to the stand to establish the corpus delicti.

BLACK AND WHITE BALL FOR CHARITY

Annual Costume Benefit Affair Given for Lying-In Hospital.

MANY DINNERS PRECEDE DANCE

Snowflake Gavotte, in Two Parts, Performed by Girls, Feature of Entertainment.

One of the most notable of the many entertainments given for charity each winter is the annual costume ball by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lying-In Hospital. It was held last night at Sherry's and was as brilliant in every respect as any of its predecessors, both the large and small ballrooms being used. Supper was served in the main dining room.

It was called a "Black and White Ball," the costumes worn by the guests being confined to these two shades. The boxes, which were arranged along the sides of the ballroom were draped in black and white; the curtains at the sides were of the same colors, and the stage erected at the end of the room was hidden by a black and white curtain and white canopy. The only other decorations were ropes of green stretched across the ceiling.

The majority of the guests arrived from dinners given in private homes. A black and white dinner was given, and at other hotels.

Mrs. William Peterson Hamilton gave a dinner at her house, 32 East Thirty-sixth Street, in her party were Miss Alexandra Emery, Miss Helen Flake, Miss Gladys Fries, Miss Margaret La Farge, Miss Theodora Laroque, Miss Helen M. Hamilton, Reginald S. Willis, Trevorner Atchey, Dudley Carleton, Don M. Kelly, James C. Clark, De Courcy Fales and Laurens M. Hamilton.

Mrs. Cornelius C. Cuyler gave a dinner for twenty at her house, 15 East Fifty-fourth Street, and Mrs. James W. Marlowe at her home, 12 West Fifty-fifth Street.

Among those who gave dinners in the Della Robbia Room of the Hotel Vanderbilt, the proceeds from which were divided between the Lafayette Fund and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the hospital, were Mrs. M. Taylor Paine, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Astor, Mr. and Mrs. William Fairchild Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bannister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greenough, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. William Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Pell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bannister, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Norrie, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bradish Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Dalziel, Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour L. Chamwell, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic C. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen H. P. Pell, Miss Anna Sands, Miss Olivia Cutting, Miss Anna Cutting, Miss Andrew Livingston, Miss Mary Cass, Miss Muriel M. V. Hoppin, Henry W. Bull, William Bruce Brown, Robert Bacon, Wendell Baker, Newton Roe, Moncure Robinson, Evander H. Schley, Charles F. Brooks, James A. Blair, Jr., Foxhall P. Keene, Marshall E. Kernochan, W. Howard Drayton, Frederic Delano, W. Henry Spies Kip, James C. Bruce, H. Woodard, Robert C. Charles E. Sampson, W. Kirkpatrick Price and R. Holister Penne.

On their arrival at Sherry's the guests were received by Mrs. William Peterson Hamilton, Mrs. Goodhue Lyng, Mrs. M. W. Gandy Low, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. G. E. Schoonmaker, Mrs. Ernest Beilin, Mrs. W. De Lancey Kountze, Mrs. Austin Wray, Mrs. Townsend Lawrence and Mrs. Robert B. Pruss.

The ball was opened with a snowflake gavotte, under the direction of Miss Helen M. Hamilton and arranged by Louis Chaffin. It was in two parts, the first being a "snowstorm" and the second a "snowflake" dance. The young women who danced were in white costume-like costumes and carried fans. They were Miss Alexandra Emery, Miss Helen Flake, Miss Elaine Denegre, Miss Theodora Laroque, Miss Gladys Fries and Miss Margaret La Farge.

Immediately at the conclusion of this feature of the entertainment the orchestra in both ballrooms started playing and the dancing commenced and lasted for several hours. Supper was served in the main restaurant.

Among those who had boxes were Mrs. Henry A. Alexander, Mrs. Henry M. Alexander, Mrs. John E. Alexander, Mrs. Vincent Astor, Mrs. John Turner Atterbury, Mrs. Joseph S. Knickerbocker, Mrs. Robert C. Charles E. Sampson, Mrs. Victor Sorchan, Mrs. F. Skiddy von Stade, Mrs. Louis Lee Stanton, Mrs. Charles Steele, Mrs. Joseph E. Stevens, Mrs. T. Suffer Tallier, Mrs. Whitney Warner, Mrs. Rudolph Wray, Mrs. Forsyth Wicker, Mr. Lucius K. Wilmerding and Mrs. H. Rogers Winthrop.

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WOODS SNUBBED BY LIEUTENANTS

Reelection of Enright, Who Won Head's Displeasure, Considered Defiance.

Police Commissioner Woods on December 4 refused to promote Lieutenant Richard E. Enright, the head of the eligible list, to the rank of captain. The unofficial reason given was that the Police Lieutenants' Benevolent Association, of which Enright had been president and moving spirit for ten years, had refused to repudiate their counsel, William B. Ellison, after his bitter attacks on the city and police administration.

The association publicly announced Monday night that Lieutenant Enright had been reelected president and that he would preside as toastmaster at the organization's dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria on Washington's Birthday.

While Mayor Mitchell, who also was attacked by Ellison, had not received an invitation to attend the dinner when he left his office last night, the association on Monday announced that some prominent officials of the city, state and nation had been invited. Some of those named were President Wilson, Colonel Roosevelt, William H. Taft, Champ Clark, Senators O'Gorman and Wadsworth, Governor Whitman, John W. Wadsworth and District Attorney Sweeney and Crosey.

At Police Headquarters yesterday it was admitted that the association's action disclosed the resentment of the lieutenants toward the Commissioner's failure to promote Enright and that the action indicated Enright's administration, with its defiance of the Commissioner's wishes in the Ellison matter.

Police Commissioner Woods's official statement was:

"My attention has been called to the reelection of Lieutenant Enright as president of the Police Lieutenants' Benevolent Association. I am not interested in any action by the organization so far as that action does